Workers and Pets: Dogs of Historic Breeds.

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A DESCENDANT OF THE "MASTYVE OR BANDOGGE" DESCRIBED BY DR. CAIUS: THE BULLDOG.

OF GREAT ANTIQUITY IN CHINA, AND IMPORTED TO ENGLAND IN 1860: PEKINESE.

WORKERS FOR THE FLOCK-MASTER: THE COLLIE AND THE OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG.

ORIGINALLY WILD, BUT NOW READILY TRAINED AS POLICE-DOG AND WATCH-DOG: THE ALSATIAN.

The bulldog has been domiciled in this country for several centuries, and, according to the "New Book of the Dog," it is generally admitted to be a descendant of the "valiaunt" Mastive, or Bandog, described by Dr. Caius. —— According to the same authority, little is known of the early history of the Pekinese, beyond the fact that at the looting of the Summer Palace of Peking, in 1860, bronze effigies of these dogs, known to be more than 2000 years old, were found. —— The collie is at his best as an assistant to flock-master and drover. The Old English sheep-dog has been supplanted by mongrels to a great extent, but remains a great shepherd dog. —— The Alsatian is excellent at herding, and as watch-dog and police-dog.

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Rock-angling on the South African coast is not only one of the most strenuous and exciting of sports, but one of the cleanest and healthiest; for it is subject to strict rules laid down by the South African Sea Anglers' Unions. In fighting the big game fish of these waters, no mechanical check of any kind may be employed upon rod, reel, or line; and the battles with the big fish, which vary in weight from 40 to 150 lb., resolve themselves into primitive struggles between man and fish—skill and staying power on the man's side being pitted against speed, weight, and cunning on the fish's; with

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Primitive Struggle Between Man and Fish.

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ARING THE END OF A GREAT FIGHT BETWEEN AN ANGLER AND AN EIGHTY-POUND KINGFISH
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jagged rock, heavy surf, and strong backwash invariably favouring the fish in his own element. Our artist has depicted the closing stages of a prolonged struggle on the south coast of Natal with an 80-lb. kingfish, one of the bravest and best of the sporting monsters and a fighter to the end ; and it may interest our readers to know that the fullest information concerning sea-angling in Cape and Natal waters may be obtained from the Publicity Agent, South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

Gems from a Floral Paradise: South African Wild Flowers.

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OF A GROUP OF ORCHIDS WHICH OFTEN ATTAIN A HEIGHT OF TWO FEET: EULOPHIA SPECIOSA (SOUTH COAST OF NATAL, AND ZULULAND).

ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN LILY; AND PECULIAR TO THE COUNTRY: AGAPANTHUS UMBELLATUS MINOR.

KNOWN AS THE KAFFIR TREE, AND PROVIDING A MOST VIVID AND BEAUTIFUL SIGHT: ERYTHRINA CAFFRA.

THE BLOOM OF A TREE WHICH GROWS TO A HEIGHT OF ABOUT FIFTEEN FEET: BAUHINIA PURPUREA NATALENSIS.

In our issue of March 20 last, we reproduced some examples of the beautiful *flora* characteristic of the South-Western Districts of the Cape Province, South Africa. The species given here are more common to Natal. The charms and wonders of the flowers of the South, it may be noted, excited the admiration of many of the earliest travellers to Africa, among them Thunberg, Burchell, Masson, and Niven, who explored these riches of South Africa, and took away with them many lovely examples, to adorn the gardens of Europe. In recent years, a greater study and care of these priceless possessions of beauty has been fostered in South Africa by the Wildflower Protection Society, and by the National Botanic Gardens of South Africa, at Kirstenbosch, near Cape Town.